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**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP  
of the  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**August 28, 2012  
Minutes**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

**In Attendance:**

Abrishami, Lori	Metro
Garber, Natalya	Metro
Meier, Debra	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Nord, Greg	OCTA
Shavit, Avital	Metro
Sherwood, Arnie	ITS, UC Berkeley

**SCAG**

Asuncion, John  
Au, Anita  
Lee, Pamela  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Sangkapichai, Mana  
Thompson, Alan

**Via Teleconference:**

Behtash, Arman	Caltrans, District 12
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Chu, Phillip	SANBAG
Crow, Jason	ARB
Drummonds, Eyvonne	SCAQMD
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Joshi, Melissa	Caltrans, District 7
Lay, Keith	LSA Associates
Malisos, Achilles	RBF Consulting
Odufalu, Olufemi	Caltrans, District 8
Sonnenberg, Stew	FHWA
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Greg Nord, OCTA, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3.1 TCWG June 26, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

**3.2 TCWG July 24, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

This item was removed from the agenda at the meeting and will be on the September 25<sup>th</sup> TCWG meeting agenda.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms**

1) NCPD 02 5220

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.  
(EPA concurrence received via email before the meeting).

2) SBD31850

It was reaffirmed that this is not a POAQC.  
(EPA concurrence received via email before the meeting).

3) ORA120504

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.  
(EPA concurrence received via email after the meeting).

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**4.2     Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative Analyses**

**1) ORA100511**

Project lead/consultant will revise the qualitative analysis to address comments from EPA (provided via email before the meeting) and Caltrans (provided via email after the meeting). The updated analysis will be resubmitted to TCWG for review.

**4.3     FTIP Update**

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2013 FTIP was scheduled to be presented to the Regional Council for adoption on September 6, 2012.
- A total of nine comments on the 2013 FTIP had been received and responded to. The 2013 FTIP document and the comments matrix with SCAG's responses would be posted online by the end of this week.

In response to a question, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, stated that only one organization had provided comments on conformity including the conformity findings, modeling, and transportation control measures.

**4.4     RTP Update**

There were no RTP updates.

In response to a question, Mr. Luo confirmed that OCTA had formally requested an RTP Amendment to begin in November 2012 and the targeted adoption will be in May 2013.

**4.5     EPA Update**

Wienke Tax, EPA, reported the following:

- Highway sanctions began in Imperial County on August 9, 2012.
- The settlement agreement regarding the Imperial County highway sanctions had been published in the Federal Register for public comment.

In response to a question, Ms. Tax stated that EPA will publish in the Federal Register EPA's responses to any comments received on the settlement agreement.

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**4.6     ARB Update**

John Crow, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB shared with Caltrans the Draft PM Hot Spot Procedures for Use with EMFAC2011 and expected to get feedback from and meet with Caltrans next week.
- ARB anticipated to release the Draft Procedures more broadly afterwards and to ultimately obtain EPA's approval of EMFAC2011.

In response to a question, Mr. Crow confirmed that ARB had received some feedback from EPA regarding the Draft Procedures.

**4.7     Air Districts Update**

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the District's recent activities and recommended an award-winning documentary film *Air – the Search for One Clean Breath* produced by VCAPCD (<http://www.vcapcd.org/AirTheFilm/ViewFilm.htm>).

Eyvonne Drummonds, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- The Draft 2012 AQMP was released for public comment on July 19, 2012.
- The Governing Board Adoption was anticipated in November 2012 pending release of the PEIR and the Socioeconomic Report in mid-September.

**5.0     INFORMATION SHARING**

As a follow-up to the July 24 TCWG meeting, Stew Sonnenberg, FHWA, informed TCWG of the following:

- The FHWA website home page has a tab linked to the MAP-21 web page which contains the summary, Q&A, fact sheets, presentations, legislation, funding tables, webinars, and guidance on MAP-21 (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/>).
- Several MAP-21 webinars were open for registration.
- The implementation of MAP 21 will start on October 1, 2012.

In response to a question, Rodney Tavitas, Caltrans Headquarters, confirmed that a Statewide Conformity Meeting will be scheduled and the meeting information will be sent out.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, informed TCWG of the following staff changes:

- As a result of the recent SCAG reorganization, Mana Sangkapichai is no longer with the new Compliance and Performance Monitoring Department which is responsible for

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TCWG staff support. Mr. Luo expressed his sincere appreciation for Mr. Sangkapichai's contribution to TCWG over the last two years.

- Mr. Luo welcomed Anita Au, a new SCAG intern, to the Compliance and Performance Monitoring Department to help with staff support to TCWG.

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday September 25, 2012 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.